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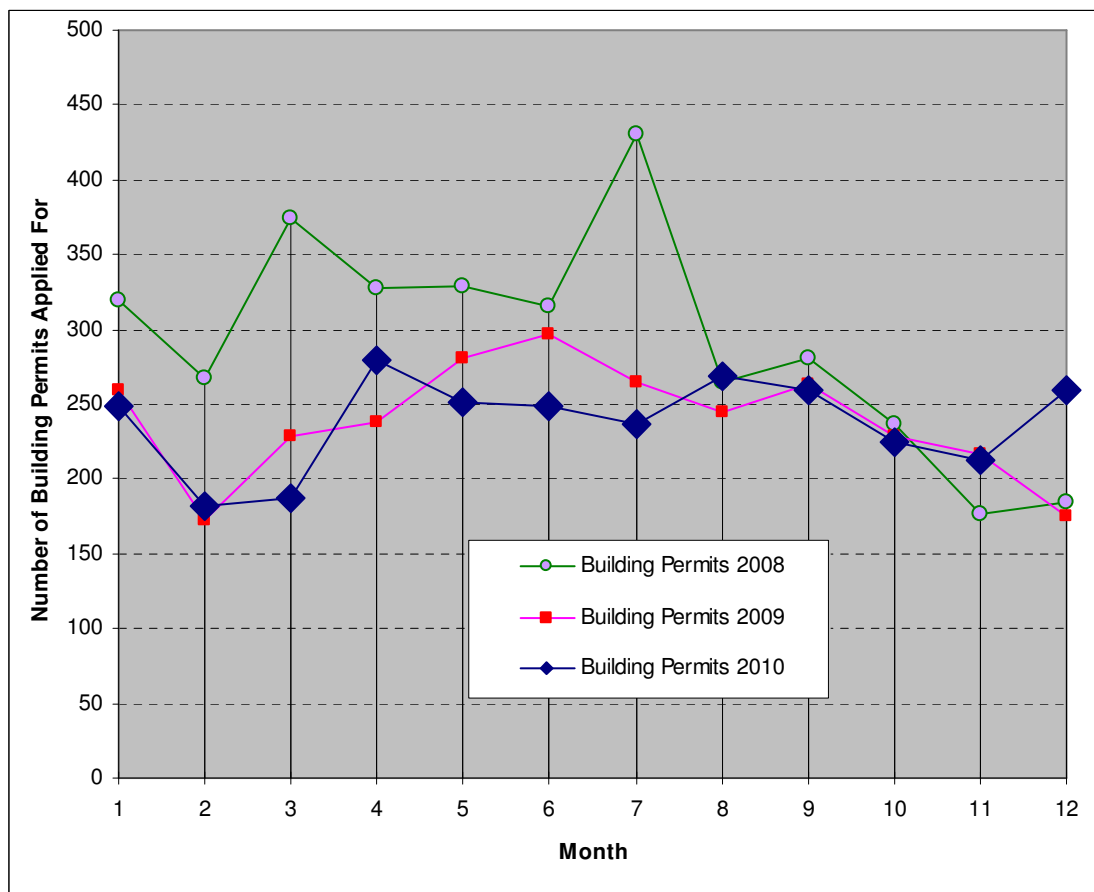
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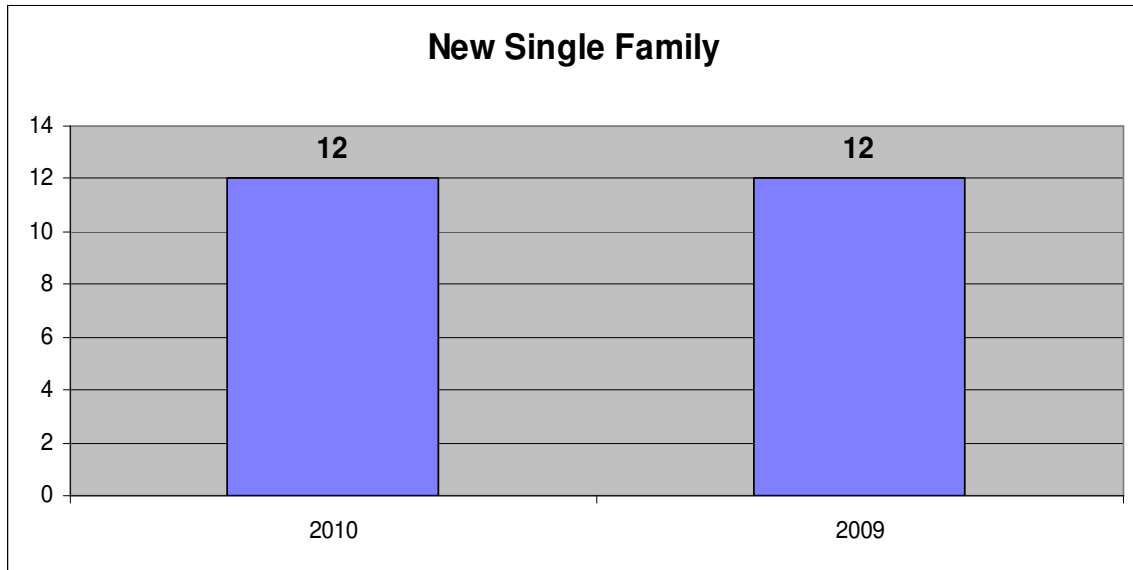
Subject: December 2010 Building Permit Activity

December indicators for building permits issued showed a level to very positive trend. The number of issued permits increased however the value of construction decreased by 4.4%. The number of applications received in December increased by 48% or 84 applications as compared to 2009 and increased 74 applications (40%) compared to 2008. New single family homes matched the previous year and have increased from the previous year for the ten times in the past fifteen months. Overall permit construction value decreased slightly.

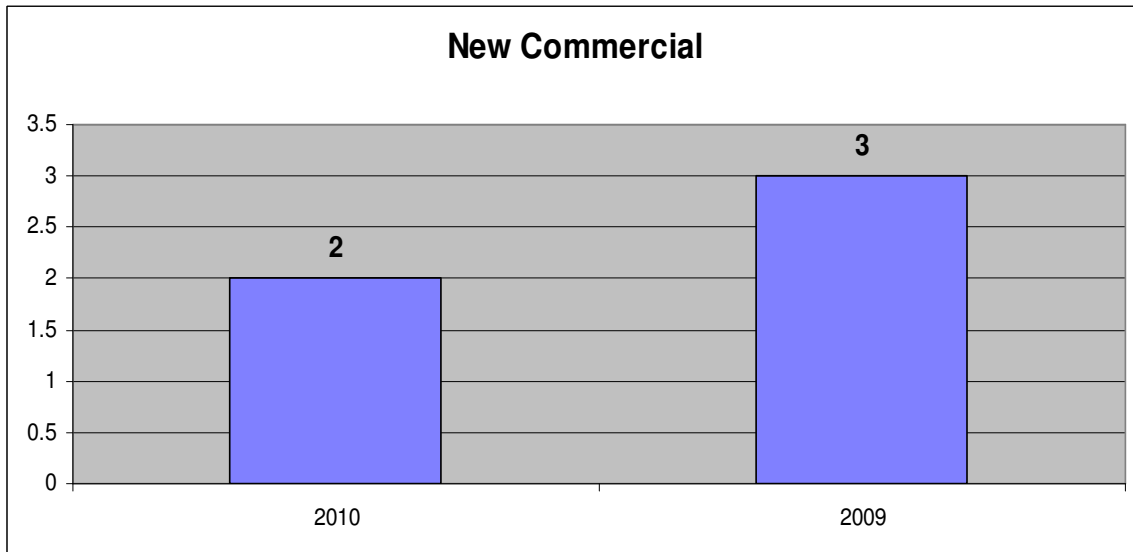
Applications received increased from the past two years.



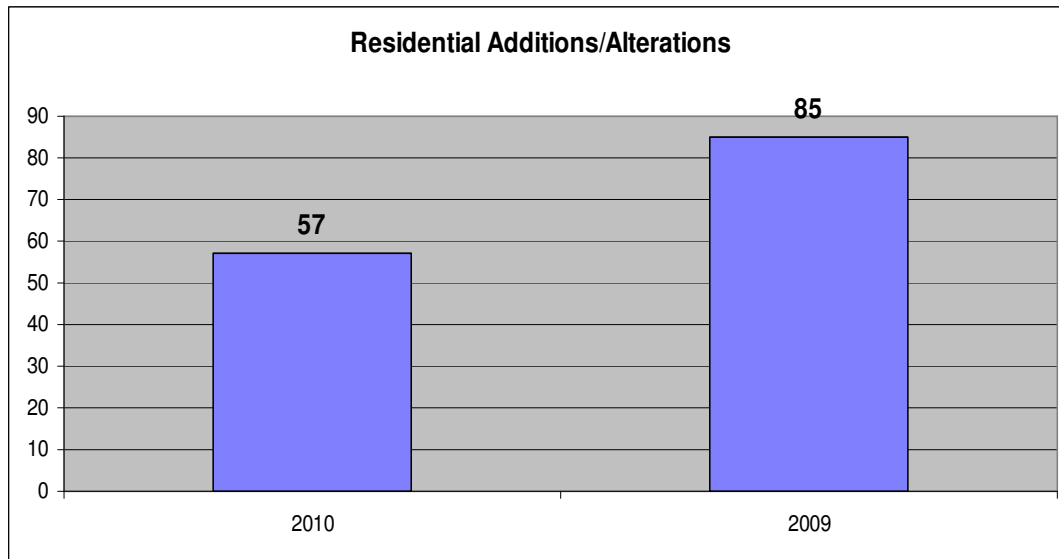
One and two-family home permits remained the same for the month. The value of each home permitted increased by 14% to an average value of \$216,785 or an average increase of \$26,548 per home.



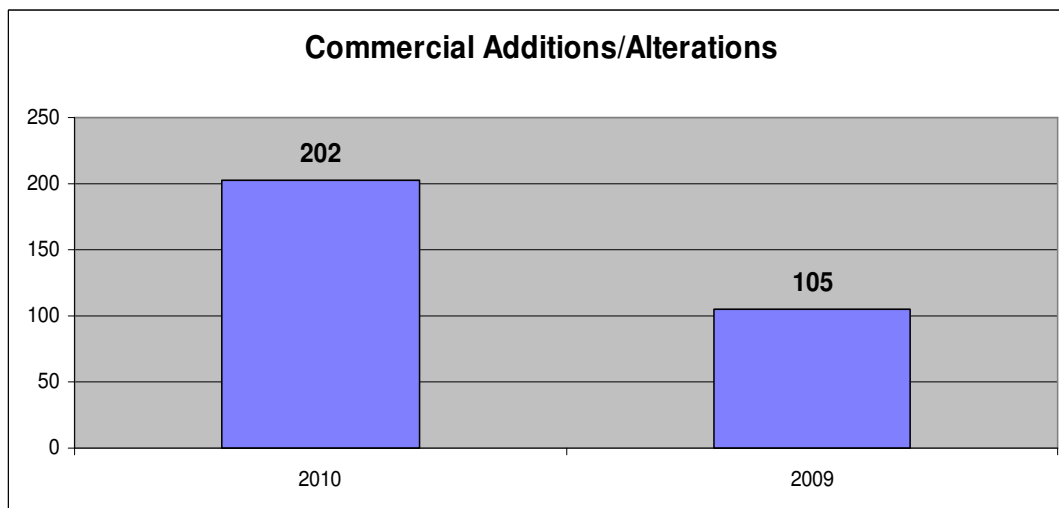
The decline in overall construction value for all permits is directly related to commercial activity. The average construction value for new commercial was 45.16% less than in 2010.



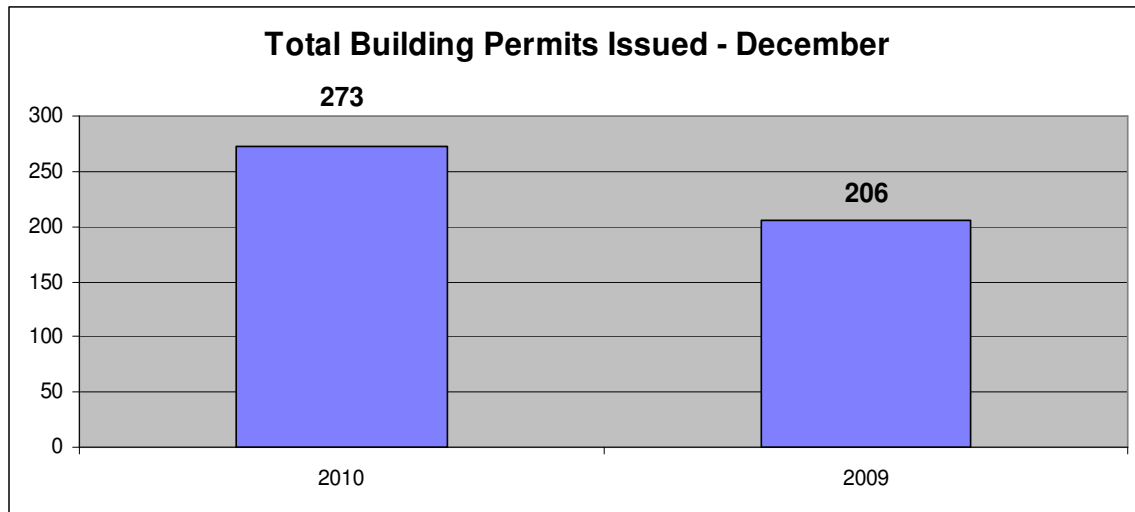
One and two-family additions and alterations have been very consistent. December permits were the lower as compared to 2009. The construction values average was 30% more or \$12,933 in 2010.



December 2010 experienced another increase in commercial additions and alterations. These permits increased by 92.4%. However, the average value decreased by 46.4% from \$75,731 to \$40,594 per permit in 2010.



Total permits issued increased by 67 permits or 32.5%.



The average individual permit value decreased by 27.9% to \$44,416 and the total of all permit construction values decreased by 44.1%. The additional permits issued kept the total decline to a 4.4% decrease.

